

Rules, Orders,
AND
DIRECTIONS
BY THE
Lord Lieutenant
AND
COUNCIL.



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RULES, ORDERS and Directions made and Established by Us the Lord Lieutenant and Council, for the better Regulating of all such Cities, Walled-Towns, and Corporations within this Kingdom of *Ireland*; And the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there, for which no other particular Rules, Orders, or Directions, have been, or shall be made by Us before the Twenty ninth day of this instant *September*.

• E S S E X.

HEREAS in and by one Act of Parliament, lately made in this Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for the Explaining of some doubts arising upon An Act; Entituled, An Act, for the better Execution of His Majesties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the fe-

veral interests of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making some alterations of, and additions unto the said Act, for the more speedy and effectual Settlement of the said Kingdom.

IT is amongst other things therein contained, Enacted, That it shall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time-being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the space of Seven years, to be accounted from the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thousand six hundred sixty five, to make and establish such Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and such as shall be created within this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there, and to inflict such penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wisdoms shall think fit, so as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching such Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Disfranchisement of such Persons, as shall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and such Rules, Orders, and Directions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been specially and particularly Established by Authority of this present Parliament, and shall remain, continue, and abide in force, for such and so long time, as in the said Rules, Orders, and Directions shall be limited and appointed, any thing in the said Act, or otherwise to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

VVE the Lord Lieutenant and Council, in pursuance of the said Act, and the Authority thereby given unto Us, have thought fit to make and Establish; And We do hereby Make and Establish the Rules, Orders, and Directions hereafter mentioned, for the better Regulating of all such Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations in this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there, for which no other particular Rules, Orders, or Directions have been, or shall be made by Us before the Twenty ninth day of this instant September.

First, That no person or persons, that shall hereafter be Elected, either Mayor, Bayliff, Sovereign, Portreeff, Burgo-master, Recorder, Sheriffs, Treasurer, Alderman, Town-Clerk, Burgess, or one of the Common-council, or any Magistrate, or such or the like Officer within any City, Walled Town, or Corporation within this Kingdom, or Master, or Wardens of any Corporation, Guild, or Fraternity within any City, Walled Town or Corporation within this Kingdom of Ireland, shall be capable of holding, enjoying, or executing any the said Offices, places or employments, untill he or they shall have taken the Oath of Supremacy, Established by Act of Parliament 2^{do} Elizabethæ in this Kingdom, and the Oath of Allegiance, besides the Oaths usually taken upon the admission of any per-

sons into the said Respective Offices, places, or Employments. And also this ensuing Oath, viz. I *A. B.* do Declare and Believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the KING; And that I do abhor that Trayterous Position of taking Arms by His Authority against His Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him. So help me GOD. The said Oaths to be taken, before such person or persons as shall admit them to the said several Offices, places, and employments (who are hereby impowered authorized and required to administer to them the said Oaths) and upon any such person or persons refusal to take the said Oaths, The Election of such person or persons into any the said Offices, places, or employments, is hereby declared to be absolutely null and void (such persons onely excepted, with whose taking the said Oath of Supremacy, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom for the time being, for some particular reasons shall think fit, by writing under his or their hand by Name to dispence.

Secondly, That all foreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as Protestants, who are or shall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwise skilled and exercised in any Mystery, Craft, or Trade; or in the working or making any manufacture or in the Art of Navigation, who are at present residing
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and inhabiting within this Kingdom, or who shall at any time hereafter come into any City, Walled Town, or Corporation, within this Kingdom, with intent and resolution there to inhabit, reside, and dwell, shall upon his or their reasonable suit or request made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty Shillings by way of Fine, unto the Chief Magistrate, or Magistrates, and Common-council; or other persons authorized to admit, and make Freemen of such City, Town, or Corporation, where he or they do intend to inhabit, reside, or dwell, be admitted a Freeman of any such City, Walled Town, or Corporation within this Kingdom: And if he or they shall desire it, of all or any Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or other mystery within all or any the same, during his or their residence for the most part, and his and their families constant inhabiting within this Kingdom, and no longer; and shall have, exercise, and enjoy all privileges and immunities of Trading, Buying, Working and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of any such City, Walled Town, or Corporation might have, exercise or enjoy, by virtue of his or their Freedom: And that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken, and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law, Statute, Charter, Usage, or Custome of
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this Kingdom, or of any City, Walled Town, or Corporation of the same, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, That all such Strangers, Artificers, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforesaid, shall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and also such other Oaths as are accustomably taken by all or any Freeman, or members of any such respective Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporations, or by all or any the members of any such Guild, or Brotherhood; Society, or Fellowship of the Trade, Craft, or other mystery, which he or they shall occupy, or exercise, in case he or they shall desire to be incorporated into any such Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship aforesaid, and shall pay all such and like Charges, as all Freemen his Majesties subjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or mystery, shall or do use to pay, and no other or more; And that if any Chief Magistrate or Magistrates, or other persons authorized as aforesaid, of any City, Town, or Corporation; or any Master, Warden, or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship; or any Trade, Craft, or mystery within any such City, Town, or Corporation, shall refuse to admit any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, residing or coming into this Kingdom, with intent as aforesaid, to be a Freeman of the City, Town, or Corporation where

where he or they intend to inhabit, reside, or dwell; or to be a Brother or member of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship within the same, every such chief Magistrate or Magistrates, Master, Warden, or other Governours respectibely, shall upon complaint and due proof made, of such refusal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Council of this Kingdom, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable (without their Licence) of being made a Freeman or member of any such City, Town, or Corporation; And every such Stranger being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him made of Twenty shillings, by way of Fine as aforesaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance before any Justice of Peace, of the County next adjacent to such City, Town, or Corporation, or where in such City, Town, or Corporation is situated (who is hereby authorized and appointed to administer the said Oath) shall thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, reputed, and taken to all intents and purposes to be a Freeman or member of the said City, Town, Corporation, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery, where he or they shall inhabit, reside, or dwell, and be denied admission as aforesaid; And thenceforth have, exercise, and enjoy the liberty and priviledge of Trading, Working, Buying or Selling of any commodities whatsoever, in as large and

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ample manner, as if he had been admitted a Freeman of such City, Town, or Corporation, a Brother or member of such Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same, taking the usual Oaths of such Freeman, Brothers or members, which Oaths any one Justice of Peace near adjoining, shall have power to administer, and paying all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Custome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And in case any person or persons shall give any interruption or disturbance to any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman, or Seaman as aforesaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling as aforesaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every such person and persons so offending, shall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable without their Licence of being made a Freeman or member of any such City, Town or Corporation.

And these Our Rules, Orders, & directions, We do hereby Order and Establish for ever hereafter, to continue in force in all the Cities, Walled Towns and Corporations within this Kingdom, for which no other particular Rules, Orders or Directions have been
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been or shall be made by Us, before the Twen-
ty ninth day of this instant September; and
that the same be forthwith Inrolled in the
Rolls of His Majesties High Court of Chan-
cery in this Kingdom.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the Six-
teenth Day of September, 1672.

Ja: Armachanus. Mich: Dublin, Canc. Drogheda.
Arran. Conway & Kilulta. Massereene.
Hen: Midenfis. Fran: Aungier. Art: Forbese.
Jo: Byffe. Rob: Byron. Will: Stewart.
Theo: Jones. Edw: Massie. Mau: Eustace.
A. Chichester. Char: Meredyth. Hen: Ford.

GOD save the KING.

